

Internet Safety Day

Pupils across Years Seven, Eight and Nine embarked on a number of activities for February's **Internet Safety Day**. Amongst the broad range of areas covered **Talking Tech** where children could talk about how they interact with the technology they come into contact with on a daily basis and scrutinize via discussion ways in which to navigate it safely and responsibly.



Mason discussed deadly online trends

Working in pairs or as individuals our learners chose key statements to explore discussing how they felt the questions reflected and represented their lived experiences, and then exploring the positive and negative aspects to their findings. Year Eights deliberated over the roles of online influencers and the lure of **Loot Boxes** – random gifts and presents, available to purchase – designed to sucker viewers in, and the coercive nature **Targeted Advertising** intent on encouraging the spending of moneys via adults' credit and debit cards.

Year Eight's Mason discussed some of the Internet's most recent **trends and challenges**. He revealed, ones such as the **Ice bucket challenge** which involved dosing oneself in ice cold water and filming it was innocent, but others had resulted in loss of life.



Learners were also afforded the opportunity to present their own ideas and strategies for dealing and coping with the dangers the modern internet presents. Peer pressure from **Group Chat** and **Unrealistic Beauty Standards** touted by Influencers also came up for debate.

Along with talking about standard internet protocols, online bullying and trolling the sessions were well received and participated in.

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